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TO EQUALIZE SALARIES

The efforts in New York to equalize the salaries of female and male teachers doing the same work in the public schools have met with a rebuff. The mayor has vetoed the White bill, on the ground that it violates the principle of home rule. The mayor said:

"If the legislature believes that the present law is unjust—and I confess there is much force in this contention—let it pass an act giving to the city full power to regulate all salaries in the department of education; and let it do away with the mandatory provisions of the present law without imposing more objectionable conditions in return. If this is done, I think the local authorities can be trusted to meet the demands of all its employees in a fair spirit and to fix salaries upon a just and equitable basis."

The legislature had already considered a bill, called the White bill, dealing with the equalization of salaries, and this it was, the mayor holds, violated the home-rule principle. Commenting on the subject the New York Commercial, noting that the teachers threaten to take their case to Albany, says:

"In the first place, there is small likelihood now of a two-thirds vote for the bill in both branches of the legislature. Most of the members who voted for the White bill did so out of sympathy with the underlying principle of the measure—that is, the same pay for women teachers as for men teachers where the grade is the same, the work the same and the efficiency equal; but, in the face of the four very forcible objections that the mayor lodges against the bill—its violation of the home-rule principle was alone quite sufficient—it is extremely doubtful if half of its original supporters could be rallied to vote for it a second time. The majority will no doubt be found arguing that, having once expressed their sympathy with the general cause of the women teachers and then had their judgment overruled by the mayor, they have done all that can reasonably be expected of them. And in the next place, these women enthusiasts do not reckon with Governor Hughes, apparently. It is impossible to imagine him taking any other view of the White bill than that held by Mayor McClellan. The chances are ten to one that a passage of the bill over the mayor's veto would be followed promptly by disapproval of it in the executive office—and thus our women crusaders would have only 'their labor for their pains.'"

"The principle of the White bill is sound. The women teachers are right in their contention—but all wrong in the methods chosen by them to secure their rights. With patience, they can yet get them from the board of education itself."

WILL TRY HOME RULE

Undismayed by the failure of the Cubans to govern themselves without interference the United States will give the people of the Philippines an opportunity to try a similar experiment, on a limited scale. If they prove that they are competent to legislate for themselves their powers of self-government will be enlarged. The result of the experiment will be watched with great interest. In its course in the matter the United States is following the Anglo-Saxon precedent. An exchange thus outlines the proposed plan:

"In the latter part of July the people of the Philippines will elect a general assembly to meet some time in September or October to consider the necessities for and the ways and means to carry out improvements in that archipelago."

"The assembly will consist of some 80 odd members, giving each 90,000 of population one member to represent them. They will be selected by universal suffrage. Any one who owns real property to the value of 500 pesos and who can speak, read or write English or Spanish or who held offices under the Spanish government prior to 1893 shall have the right of suffrage."

"The assembly will be a general popular body, equivalent to our state assembly or our house of representatives in the national legislature. The so-called Philippine commission will exercise a check upon the action of the general body in that enactments of that body must have the sanction of the commission. In other words, the Philippine commission is the upper branch of the legislature. The assembly, however, can check the action of the commission."

MRS. SAGE'S PLANS

The Russell Sage Foundation, which has been organized with Mrs. Sage as president, is one of the great beneficent organizations of an age when wealth in an ever increasing degree is being devoted to the amelioration of the conditions of life among the less fortunate or less heedful of the people. Its scope is limited to the causes of poverty and ignorance and their removal, and in this it differs from most public benefactions. The following statement of their aims, made by the trustees, tells the story:

"First, the foundation will not attempt to relieve individual or family need. Its function is to eradicate, so far as possible, the causes of poverty and ignorance, rather than to relieve the sufferings of those who are poor or ignorant. Not that it is not a noble work to relieve suffering, however caused, but that if the foundation should attempt to relieve such suffering, there would be nothing left with which to perform the higher function of trying to prevent its existence."

"There is another equally cogent reason

for this conclusion. The relief of the individual need is not one of the 'larger and more difficult problems.' It is a duty which every one of us who is more prosperous owes to his less prosperous neighbor. Every neighborhood should relieve its own cases of individual need for its own sake, and every neighborhood is measurably meeting this obligation. The sources of neighborly charity would be dried up if such needs were supplied from without."

"Second, the sphere of higher education, that served by our universities and colleges, will not be within the scope of the Sage Foundation. That is the sphere of the General Education Board."

That a portion of the enormous wealth amassed by the late Russell Sage should be devoted to the highest purposes is due to the fact that his wife is actuated by far higher motives than those which controlled the narrow and grasping existence of her husband."

The following is the resolution relative to fast steamship services adopted by the imperial conference:—"That in the opinion of this conference, the interests of the Empire demand that, in so far as practicable, its different portions should be connected by the best possible means of mail communication, travel and transportation, and that, to this end, it is advisable that Great Britain should be connected with Canada and through Canada with Australia and New Zealand by the best service available within reasonable cost, and that for the purpose of carrying the above project into effect, such financial support as may be necessary should be contributed by Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand in equitable proportions."

Universal sympathy is extended to Macaulay Bros. & Co. who have suffered so severe a blow at the opening of a very busy season in their trade. Their enterprise had given to King street one of its finest business blocks. It will soon be restored, but the loss in the meantime is great. It is most unfortunate that the fire occurred at a time when the water pressure was not at its best. It is contended by some observers that the manner in which the fire was handled was not wholly satisfactory, and that an enquiry into the methods of the department should be made. Whatever is proved to be necessary to ensure the most effective results in fire-fighting should certainly be provided, the more so when the water service is inadequate."

The coming of Ralph Connor to St. John is an event of exceptional interest. His novels have been read by many St. John people, and there should be no doubt about the heartiness of the reception this popular Canadian author and gifted clergyman will receive when he comes to read from works which have made him famous, and which have given pleasure and something of a mental and spiritual uplift to a host of readers in Canada and elsewhere."

Rev. Dr. Raymond, in the article printed on another page, reminds St. John people of some of the city's obligations to the past. It is well that these memories be recalled, and the local historian serves his generation well, in holding up to them the ideals and achievements of the founders."

The provincial government will have plans and specifications prepared for a new steel bridge at the falls. When Carleton people can get a continuous street car service to and from the east side, without a break at the bridge, the ferry will have a formidable competitor."

When the Carleton ferry steamer leaves on schedule time some people object. When she doesn't, others object. Possibly it is the uncertainty whether she will or whether she won't that causes most of the criticism."

The federal and provincial governments have gracefully deferred to the local committee in the matter of the Champlain monument, and have given the committee a free hand."

At Wellington, P. E. I. an intoxicated man was beaten, perhaps fatally. He had apparently discovered that the prohibitory law is not a complete success in Wellington."

A PLEASANT RECEPTION

Sgt. J. Sullivan held a reception at his home, 84 Broad street, last evening in honor of Staff Sgt. Fred Wood, of No. 7 section, O. S. C., Quebec, and his bride. About seventy were present, among them Private Walter Wiggins and Private H. Ricketts, of No. 8 section, O. S. C., and R. D. Danvers."

After the evening had been spent in games and dancing supper was served out: Solo, Sgt. James Sullivan; quartette, Joseph Murphy, William Belyea, Private H. Ricketts and Private W. Wiggins; duet, W. Belyea and H. Hamilton; piano solo, Joseph Murphy; cornet solo, R. D. Danvers; violin solo, H. Ricketts. After a speech by Sgt. Sullivan three cheers were given for Sgt. Wood and the evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem by the quartette."

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

St. Stephen, N. B., May 17—(Special)—A daughter was born last night to Mr. and Mrs. N. Marks Mills. Thomas Lawler, a well known citizen, died suddenly this morning. He was taken ill in his stable but managed to go to his house, where he expired. For many years

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he was proprietor of the Lawlor House and stable. Deceased was born at Baileyville (Me.), seventy-two years ago. His wife, one son, and three daughters survive.

A large stable owned by Fred. Blake, of Milltown (Me.), was burned this forenoon. Raymond Wilson has accepted a position with the National Drug Company, St. John. He has been a popular clerk in the Watson drug store here.

THE RIVER IS RISING

Fredericton, N.B., May 17—The weather today was very warm for the time of year and in consequence the water in the river which has been falling off steadily for the past ten days is now rising slowly. It rose three inches today at the Barony and about one inch here.

SAND FLIES CAUSE COLLISION

Toronto, May 17—A collision occurred on the Hamilton Radial Railway today through sand flies getting on the track and making it too slippery that the motormen were unable to do anything with the brakes. Both cars, passengers and freight, were wrecked and the passengers received a severe shaking up. The motormen jumped.

ROOSEVELT IN THE WOODS

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., May 18—President and Mrs. Roosevelt and their son Archie are at Pine Knot, Mrs. Roosevelt's country home in the southern part of Albemarle county, where they will remain until the middle of next week.

THE CALL OF THE WILD

(Toronto News.)

KATHLEEN MAVOURNEEN, the grey dawn is breaking. The windows are vile, and there's dust on the sill. And really 'tis time some improvements were making.

O Kathleen Mavourneen, what slumbering still O dost thou remember the woodwork so dirty. The painters are here and all ready to start. So rise and put on you, your oldest old skirt. And get a quick move on, O star of my heart.

So rise, and put on you, your oldest old skirt. —O why art thou silent, Kathleen Mavourneen.

Kathleen Mavourneen, my husband is shaving. He'll yell for his breakfast before very long. If you don't arise, he will shortly be shaving. O, Kathleen Mavourneen, attend to my song. You must take up the drawing-room carpet my lady. —O why art thou silent, Kathleen Mavourneen?

So climb from your couch, fairest Kathleen O'Grady. And get a quick move on, O star of my heart. So climb from your couch, fairest Kathleen O'Grady. —O why art thou silent, Kathleen Mavourneen?

Kathleen Mavourneen, there's dust in the cellar. The stove-pipes are groaning with bushels of soot. Bestir you, come on, now, and be a good feller. Or perhaps you will feel my dear Archibald's foot. 'Tis housecleaning time, so forget all your slumber. The washing of woodwork's an excellent art. So haste, or I'll get me a piece of dressed lumber. And start up the staircase, O star of my heart. So haste, or I'll get me a piece of dressed lumber. And you'll NOT be silent, Kathleen Mavourneen.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE POPULAR POET.

Thawaway—"But what have you against my friend, Selley?"

Baker—"He has so many confounded new-fangled metres."

Thawaway—"I admit he's original there; but his matter is all right. There's nothing new in that."—Town and Country.

WOULDN'T SUIT HIM.

"Now here," said the enthusiastic real estate agent to the prominent politician. "is one of the most desirable houses in the capital. It has exposures all around—"

"Good heavens!" cried the prominent politician, with a start of dismay, "that's just what I'm trying to get away from!" —Baltimore American.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

"Miss Kitty," said the new doctor, "your trouble is merely indigestion. We can fix that. By the way have you been doing any dieting?"

"I don't know," answered the little girl. "The other doctor has been making me eat all sorts of things that I just hate."

"Then you're dieting, all right."—Chicago Tribune.

HOW HE KNEW IT.

One Sunday morning recently the pastor of a church in a town of western Massachusetts remarked to his wife, upon returning from service:

"Mary, there was a stranger at service this morning."

"What did he look like?" asked the wife.

"I don't know," was the answer, "for I didn't see him."

"Then how do you know he was a stranger?"

"Because I found a dollar in the contribution box," replied the pastor.—Harper's Weekly.

THEN HE FLEW TO HER.

A painfully bashful young man of Stotestown proposed to a girl by means of a phonograph, to the waxen cylinders of which he had previously told his love. The girl was greatly surprised and not displeased to hear her lover's declaration, but the idea of his betrothal did not appeal to her. Accordingly she sent her little brother with a note which read as follows: "Dear sir—If you have courage enough you might come over and tell me what you have to say, but if you haven't stay at home, for I'll be jiggered if I am going to be hugged and kissed by a phonograph if I never get a chance to say 'Yes.'"—Statesbury, (Kan.) Tribune.

THE COST OF LIVING

(New York Commercial)

According to carefully compiled statistics just issued by the department of commerce and labor the cost of living in 1906—two hundred and fifty-eight commodities that enter more or less directly into the daily use and consumption of the community being considered—was 36.5 per cent higher on the average than it was in 1897 and 9 per cent higher than it was in 1890; the wholesale prices form the basis of this computation; and 1906 was the most costly of the necessities of life of all the seventeen years since 1889. Beyond question, the present year is marked by a higher range of prices in these commodities than was the case a year ago; and the retail prices of articles of food most certainly range higher in proportion than the wholesale quotations—in and about the large cities, at least. The department's list shows eleven articles that in 1906 were 100 per cent or more higher in price than the average for the ten years from 1890 to 1899 inclusive used as a standard. It shows an increase in the price of one hundred and eighty-nine articles included in the tabulation and a decrease in only forty-one articles. "These statistics," comments the writer of a Washington special, "are immensely interesting" to those concerned in the cost of living; "and they offer occupation for any number of hours." But they "do not," he adds, "give the slightest help toward finding or making the dollars with which to meet the increase shown so clearly and with so much elaboration." For the wage-earners there is no problem involved. Advances in their pay have more than kept pace with the increased cost of living—in most lines of employment, any way—and in all of them have been commensurate with it. But for persons of fixed incomes, or with incomes that do not fluctuate as wages do, it is a case of eternal "figuring, figuring."

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